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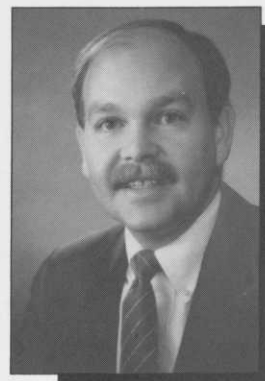
## President's Message

by Greg Petry  
President

As I complete my first year, which is the mid-point of my term as President of STMA, I am happy to say that we were able to accomplish most of what we set out to do this year.

Finances were one of our main concerns at the start of the year. Thanks to a number of people working together, we have been able to get them in order, with a few surprises, and a few disappointments. The surprises include extra revenue from sportsTURF magazine. This has been a big help to us all.

The biggest disappointment was that the regional institutes were not as well attended as anticipated, and therefore did not generate much revenue. These institutes are a major educational event and all of us should make an attempt to attend at least one a year. We now have an educational committee looking into more ways to promote what we already have, as well as forming more opportunities for us all.



Greg Petry

Our main goal was just to keep going, and growing, and we have certainly done that.

Thank you to Bret, Carey and Tina at STMA headquarters, and a number of other people who will be recognized at the conference in Bradenton.

I'd like to see us continue to grow in 1995, to keep our finances under control, and even build a surplus. In order to do that, it's going to take ALL of us, working together. Let's all try to recruit at least one new member in 1995. Can you imagine where we'll be at this time next year? I CAN! STMA

## Baseball Strike

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along with spring training camps. Nor can other events take up the slack. Most spring camp facilities are designed for - and dedicated to - the game of baseball.

So many questions remain to be answered.

In the short term - will municipalities continue to support the sports turf professionals at the previously-budgeted levels? Will the added stress on personnel who will

be working under less than ideal circumstances take a toll?

In the long term - how will the extended strike and whatever the solution may be affect the game of baseball? Will fans continue to support major league teams? Will the minor league system emerge stronger - or weaker? Will college and high school baseball programs continue to thrive? STMA